

DEATH OF MINISTER STEVENS.

He Passed Away at His Old Home in Augusta.

CLOSE OF AN HONORABLE LIFE.

His Fair Fame Can be Left Safely to the American People—The Man Who Raised the Stars and Stripes Over Hawaii—Minister, Journalist, Diplomat.

AUGUSTA, (Me.), Feb. 8.—John L. Stevens, ex-Minister to Hawaii, is dead.

John L. Stevens was born at Mount Vernon, Kennebec county, Maine,



JOHN L. STEVENS.

August 1, 1820; was educated at the Maine Wesleyan seminary and the Waterville Liberal Institute; studied theology, and at the age of 24 was ordained a minister in the Universalist church. Ill health compelled him to resign ten years later and he became associated with James G. Blaine in the ownership of the Kennebec Journal at Augusta. He remained with that journal for thirteen years.

He served three years in the Lower House and two years in the Senate of the Maine Legislature. From 1870 to 1873 he was United States Minister to Uruguay and Paraguay, from which he resigned and returned home. In 1877 he was appointed Minister to Sweden and Norway, resigning in 1883, and returned to his home in Maine.

In September, 1889, Stevens was appointed Minister to Hawaii by President Harrison. He served until May 17th, 1893, when he was superseded by James H. Blount. Stevens gained a national reputation by his conduct during the revolution which overthrew the Hawaiian monarchy. He ordered marines landed from the United States steamer Boston, and by his prompt action prevented any danger to American residents. He hoisted the American flag, and virtually established an American protectorate.

For this action he was roundly condemned by the Cleveland administration, which favored the Royalists. The story of the intrigues of Cleveland and Graham to restore the Queen is too fresh in the public mind to need repeating here, but Blount of Georgia was sent over as a special commissioner, with full power, and his first act was to haul down the flag which Stevens had raised. His next was to take testimony of all the disaffected Royalists and to furnish a report which has since been proved unfair and misleading—a special plea for the cause of the Royalists.

Stevens defended his position and his acts with much ability, and after his return he prepared several open letters, showing that his acts were all within his power as Minister. He never denied that he sympathized warmly with the revolutionists, but he produced ample proof to show that he was not in collusion with them and did not use the United States marines to help them.

Death of Captain Dillingham.

George Dillingham, manager of the Hawaiian Carriage Manufacturing Company, received intelligence by the last mail steamer, of the death of his father, Captain John Dillingham, in San Diego, Cal. The deceased was born in West Brewster, Mass., seventy years ago, and followed the sea most of his life. He was a California pioneer, and commanded clipper ships in the '50's. In the Civil war he commanded the U. S. gunboat Morning Light. Of late years he made his home in San Diego, where he was warden of the port.

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RUDOLPH SPRECKELS' DENIAL.

He Says There Is No Truth in the Charges.

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He Denies That He Furnished Money for the Purchase of Arms—He Could Not Be Drawn Into a Movement Against the Government—His Statement.

Several San Francisco paper print interviews had with Rudolph Spreckels. He denies that he had anything to do with the recent attempt to overthrow the Republic.

Mr. Spreckels said:

"There is absolutely no truth in the charges that I have taken any part, or conspired in any way against the existing Government on the islands. I have always been friendly with the ex-Queen, and have visited her many times. I went to the islands when I was a little boy and have spent a great deal of my time there. I have been on friendly terms with the royalists as I have been with all the leading parties there, but the idea is ridiculous that I could be drawn in any way into a movement against the Government. All my interests there are plainly against any such foolish action. I think it strange that any one could believe any other way.

"It has been alleged that Major Seward had a letter to me from the queen asking me to assist her. If Seward had such a letter I know nothing about it, and if there was such a letter it was never presented. All the statements that have been made intimating that I was willing to aid the royalists in promoting a conspiracy against the Republic of Hawaii are false.

"I deny positively that I purchased arms for the revolutionists, or that I furnished them with money to buy arms. I know the character of Wilcox, and am aware that his reputation is that of an agitator and revolutionist. Even if I had ever harbored animosity against the Dole Government, I certainly would not have been so foolish as to be connected in any way with Wilcox and his fellows. I am confident that the most searching investigation will bear me out in the truth of my assertions.

"Since my brother and myself purchased plantation interests at the islands, a year ago, we have given the native leaders to understand that they could expect no support from us in any undertaking of a political character.

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RUDOLPH SPRECKELS.

were too important to allow us to jeopardize them by taking any part in politics.

In conclusion Mr. Spreckels stated that his position in the islands had always been strictly one of neutrality regarding governmental affairs.

F. F. Pollis, who at the time he was alleged to have been acting as Spreckels' agent was sick in bed in San Francisco. Spreckels and Pollis enter a specific denial to all the charges set forth in the newspapers. Spreckels' denial is confirmed by Pollis and their secretary, Bluxome.

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